Gaithersburg Told Of 'Draft Dodging'

Court Records Aiding Youths, Council Hears

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Use of felony records by teenagers "to beat the draft" and the increasing problem of drinking by 13 and 14 year-olds was discussed at a Gaithersburg Town Council meeting this week.

The group was told by Councilman Maynard E. McPherson that some Gaithersburg young men are seeking suspended sentences in the juvenile court after convictions for stealing hub caps and other minor offenses.

He said that they have learned that such sentences make them ineligible for the draft.

Members were also told that adults are buying beer and wine for teenagers and being paid commissions.

"We know that this situation exists from the information that uncovered in our recreation program," Councilman Harold C. Morris said.

Drinking by young people was reported at school dances. Police confiscated 35 cases of beer at a dance last fall, it was reported. The council decided to seek more cooperation from the Montgomery County Police department tavern owners.

They also decided to limit parking of student - driven cars on George and Salem Streets used by students after school authorities denied them parking permission for on school property.

The group also heard plans of Mrs. Alma Burns for development of a 125 - acre area north of Gaithersburg.

They voted to include land of Clifford C. Kaslow containing 90 acres southwest of town, in an annexation proceeding.

Later, the group accepted the resignation of Lewis C. Graybill as a member of the Board of Election Supervisors; discussed at length construction of the Rawlings Road; heard from Town Administrator William O. Vose of his search for a Town Inspector, and adopted various zone and assessment ordinances.